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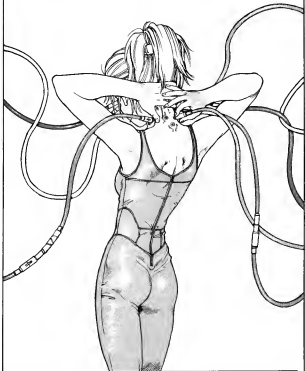
It's an Endless World!

HIROKI
ENDO 遠藤浩輝

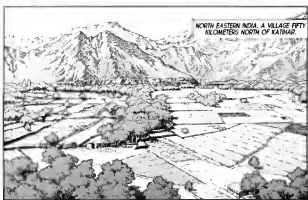


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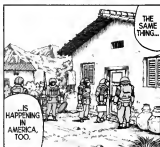
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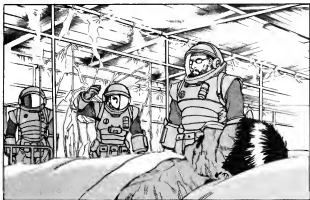
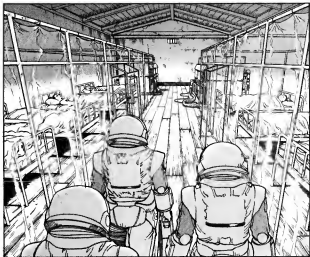


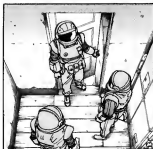
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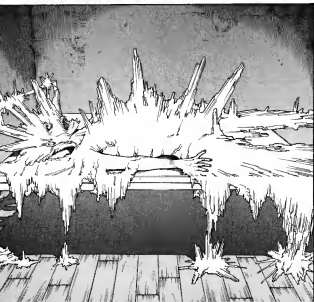


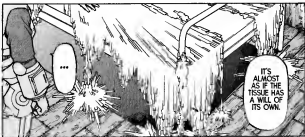


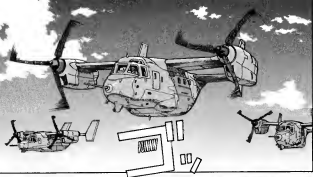


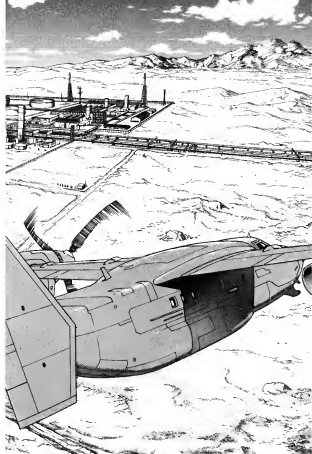
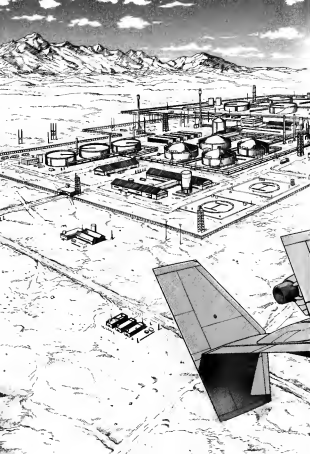


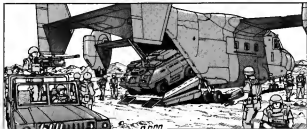
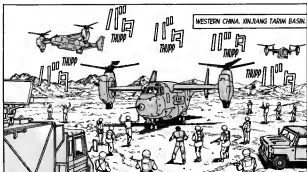














...AND THE
PIPELINES
RUNNING EAST
HAVE BEEN
TAKEN OVER BY
KAZAKHS AND
KYRGYZ.

REBEL
UYGHURS
HAVE TAKEN
COMPLETE
CONTROL OF
THE OIL
FACILITY...



I HAVE
THEIR
LEADER
ON THE
LINE!

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

YOU'RE IN
CHINESE
TERRITORY.



HOW'S
THE MEDIA
BLACKOUT
GOING?

WHAT
A
MESS.

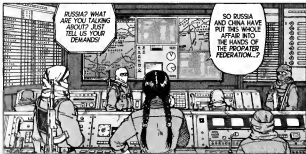


WHAT
ARE
YOUR
DEMANDS
?

THIS IS
LIEUTENANT
COLONEL
TOM O'REILLY,
PROPRATER
FEDERATION UNIT
TWENTY-THREE.



CHIK







EVERY-
THING'S
ON
TRACK!

THIS IS
COACH'S
BOX



DO
YOU
READ
ME?

COACH'S
BOX TO
DUGOUT!



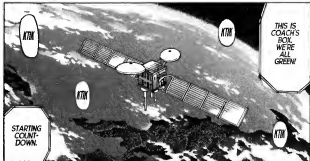
AL JAZEERA
JUST BARELY
CAME ON
BOARD. NO CNN
OR BBC YET.
BUT THEY WON'T
BE ABLE TO
IGNORE THIS
FOREVER.

HOW'S
IT
GOING
THERE?

I
READ
YOU







BEFORE
DAWN THIS
MORNING,
IN THE
XINJIANG
UYGHUR
AUTONOMOUS
REGION...



CHINA CRISIS

AND
NOW THIS
SPECIAL
NEWS
BULLETIN.



...WERE TAKEN
OVER BY AN ARMED
MUSLIM GROUP,
ACCORDING
TO REPORTS.



...AN OIL
FACILITY AND ITS
PIPELINE.



THERE ARE NO
JOURNALISTS AT THIS
LOCATION, BUT
WE APPRECIATE THE
COOPERATION
WE'VE RECEIVED
TO BRING YOU THIS
LIVE BROADCAST.

GET
MOSCOW
ON THE
PHONE!!

MY
NAME IS
MARIAM
ISHAQ.

WHAT
IS
THIS?





...THE
UYGHUR PEOPLE
ARE FACING A
CRISIS OF ETHNIC
CLEANSING BY
MILITARY FORCES.

DUE TO THE
BEIJING
GOVERNMENT'S
MIGRATION AND
DEVELOPMENT
POLICIES TO
BENEFIT THE
HAN PEOPLE...



I'M
SURE YOU
ALREADY
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT.

AND
NOW...
WITH THIS OIL
FIELD DEVELOP-
MENT...



THE SAME IS
HAPPENING IN
KYRGYZSTAN
AND
TAJIKISTAN.

ANYONE
WHO CRIES
OUT FOR
INDEPENDENCE
FROM THE
PROPRATE
FEDERATION
IS PUT DOWN
BY THEIR
MILITARY.



...WOULD
LOVE
TO HAVE
THE NATIVE
MINORITIES
VANISH
FROM THIS
LAND!!



DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES
ADDICTED
TO ARAB
OIL...











WE HAVE
TO AT
LEAST MAKE
A SHOW
OF CARING.

WE EXPECT
OUR NATION'S
AMBASSADOR
TO ARRIVE AT
THE SITE VERY
SOON.

Chapter 55 / 12 Seconds (MIDDLE)



CHINA
WANTS THE
SAME THING
WE DO—
FOREIGN
INVESTMENT,
NOT FOREIGN
PRODUCT.

BUT WE
CAN'T FALL
BEHIND
THEM
IN OIL
EXPORTS,
OBVIOUSLY.

VICE
FOREIGN
MINISTER.

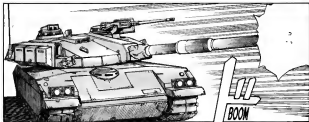
I
APPRECIATE
RUSSIA'S
COOPERATION
BY TAKING
NO ACTION...



AS
PROMISED,
I'VE
SECURED THE
SUPPORT
OF THE
YAKUT MAFIA
FOR YOU.

JUST HAVING A
PIPELINE FROM
AZERBAIJAN TO
CHECHNYA WON'T
BE ENOUGH TO
TURN YOU
A PROFIT,
WILL IT?

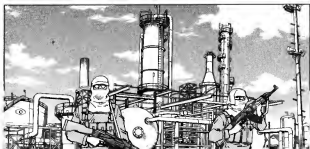
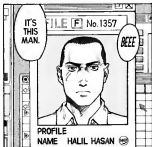




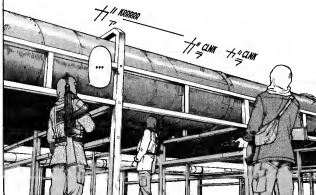


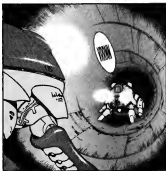


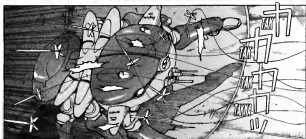




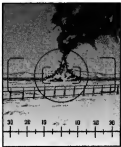
















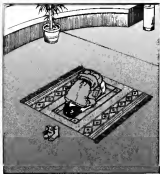










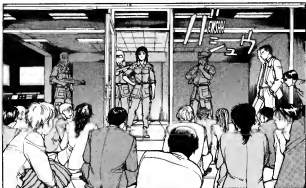




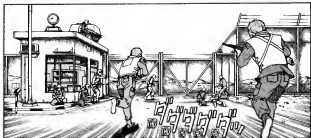


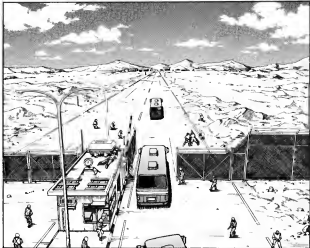


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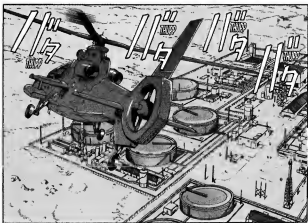


















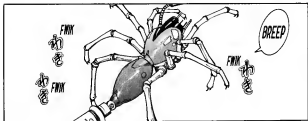
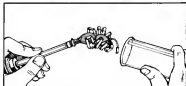
...TWELVE
SECONDS.

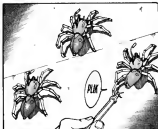
WE IN
NOMAD
ANTICIPATE...



PLENTY
OF
TIME.

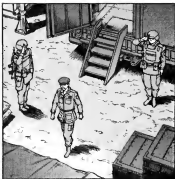
...















THERE ARE OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO HAVE SUFFERED GREATLY FROM SIMILAR PERSECUTION.

SO IT WAS FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE...



...WE, THE UYGHUR PEOPLE...

...HAVE NOT HAD OUR OWN COUNTRY FOR A VERY LONG TIME.



BUT WE ARE NOT "CHINESE" TO BEGIN WITH.

THE UYGHUR PEOPLE NOW EXIST WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF "THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA"...



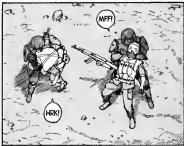
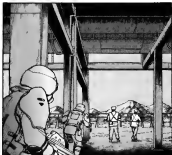
...AND THE KURDS, THE BASQUE, THE CELTS, ROMANIAN GYPSIES, THE ANU, BRETONS, ETHNIC MINORITIES IN AFRICA AND INDOCHINA...



WE HAVE OUR OWN LANGUAGE, FOODS, FAITH, AND ARTS.

IN OTHER WORDS, OUR OWN CULTURE.

...NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE ABORIGINES.







...WITHOUT
NATIONAL
BORDERS,
IN WHICH
ALL OF
MANKIND CAN
PEACEFULLY
COEXIST," THEY
DECLARE.

...TO
ESTABLISH
A WORLD
FEDERATION
GOVERNMENT...



AAH!

ASSHOLE



MINORITIES
WILL BE
CRACKED.

...AND
HISTORY
WILL
CONTINUE
TO REPEAT
ITSELF.



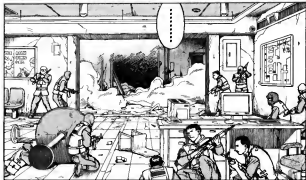
HOWEVER,
AS ONE
WOULD
EXPECT...

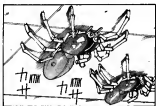
AS
LONG
AS EVERY-
THING IS
GUIDED BY
ECONOMICS...

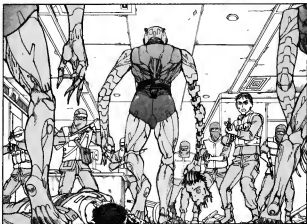








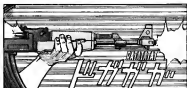




Chapter 57 / 12 Seconds (Kill the Poor)

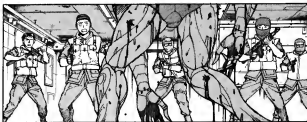






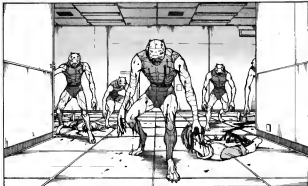






















WHAT
IS
THAT?!

WHA
--?



AECNS...

WHAT
ARE
THEY?!

DO THEY
WANT
TO KILL
EVERYONE
?!



DO
YOU
READ
ME?!

COACH'S
BOX TO
DUGOUT!



GOT IT!

REM!!
MAKE
BACK-
UPS!

WE
HAVE TO
RECORD
ALL OF
THIS--NO
MATTER
WHAT!



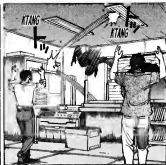












YAAAAAH!!



**RAISE
YOUR
WEAPONS!**

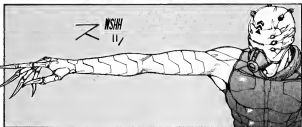
**SHIT! IT
KILLED
HIM!!**

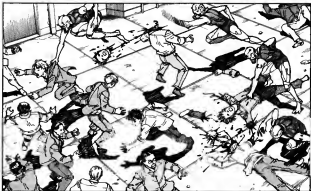


Chapter 58 / It's Show Time!











I DON'T
CARE!
SHOOT
THEM!



THEY'RE
GOING
TO FLOW
THROUGH
US!

THE
HOSTAGES
ARE
RUNNING
BACK!



NOO!

HKK!





DUGOUT,
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

YOU'RE
LETTING OUR
BIGGEST
CHANCE GET
AWAY!

THEY'VE
BROKEN
THROUGH
THE THIRD
LAYER OF
OUR ICE!



HAVEN'T
YOU
SILENCED
THE ALTAI
FACILITY
YET?

IT
SEEMS THEY
DETECTED OUR
INTERFERENCE
AND PUT
UP NEW
DEFENSIVE
BARRIERS.



SOPHIA!
THIS IS
DUGOUT!

THREE
MAJOR
EUROPEAN
NETWORKS ARE
PICKING UP THE
LIVE SATELLITE
FEED RIGHT
NOW!



PICK UP THE
VIDEO
FEED! WE'RE
GOING LIVE!

YEAH...
OKAY. YOU
OWE US
ONE.



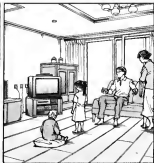
AND
NOW—
HUH?

LIVE
?

THAT WAS
LAURENCE
CHARNIER WITH
THAT REPORT
FROM
PROVENCE.









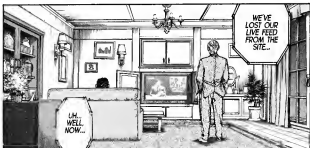














THAT'S TRUE...

...BUT THINK OF THE DAMAGE DONE TO PROPATER BY THIS COVERAGE.



BUT THE IMAGES OF THOSE GUERILLAS SHOOTING HOSTAGES...

...ARE A BIG MINUS FOR US.



THIS MISSION...

...WAS A SUCCESS.

















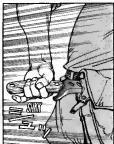
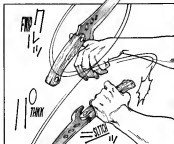


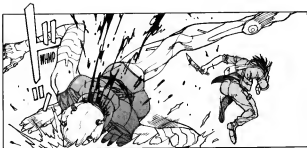






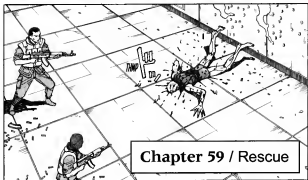
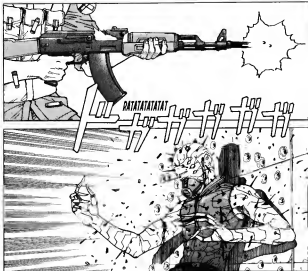














WE'RE
COMPLETELY
SURROUNDED
IN HERE!

"GET
OUT
...?!"



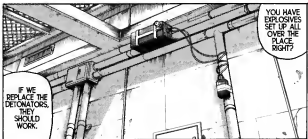
HOW
DO YOU
PLAN ON
ESCAPING
?

...



I DON'T
SPEAK
UYGHUR.

SPEAK
ENGLISH
OR
ARABIC.



YOU HAVE
EXPLOSIVES
SET UP ALL
OVER THE
PLACE,
RIGHT?

IF WE
REPLACE THE
DETONATORS,
THEY
WOULD
WORK.





MIX SMOKE: RENDERS VISION AND INFRARED SENSORS INEFFECTIVE





BUT IF IT'S
ONLY THE
KITCHEN,
IT WON'T
IGNITE
THE OIL
IN THE
FACILITY.

BLOWING UP
THE KITCHEN
WILL SET
OFF THE
GAS, TOO!



MIX: ISLAMIC, HAN, CHINESE, AND MONGOLIANS.

















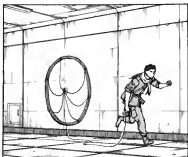










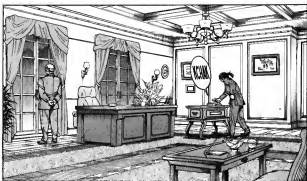






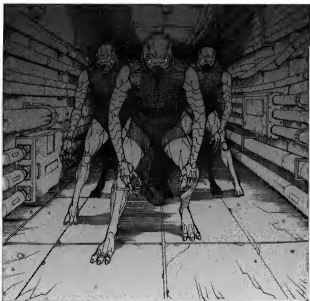








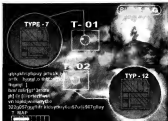


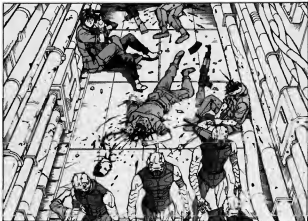




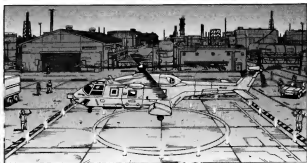
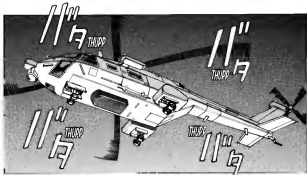




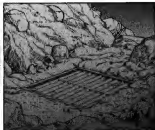


















THERE'S BEEN MUCH SPECULATION ABOUT THE AFFAIR, INCLUDING WHAT THE TRUE NATURE OF THE "MONSTERS" CAPTURED ON CAMERA MAY HAVE BEEN.

...

REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT ALL FORTY-NINE HOSTAGES AND THIRTY-TWO TERRORISTS WERE KILLED.



IT SEEMS THAT THE PROPOSED FEDERATION GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DODGE SOME HARD QUESTIONS TO COME.



AND UNTIL THE NEXT CHAIRMAN IS ELECTED...

...THE JEWISH VICE CHAIRMAN ALAN STEINBERG WILL BE AT THE HELM...



NOW CHAIRMAN KIEL SCHLINGER WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RESIGN.

WELL...



THE
DEVELOPED
NATIONS MAY
BE OF THE
OPINION THAT
IT'S BETTER...

...TO SEND
THOSE
MONSTERS
INTO BATTLE
ZONES
THAN THEIR
OWN SONS.



EVEN IF THEY
DO ADMIT
TO THE
EXISTENCE
OF THE
AEONS...

...HOW
ARE THEY
GOING TO
EXPLAIN
THEM?

BUT THE
QUESTION
IS THE
COMING
PRESS
CONFERENCE.



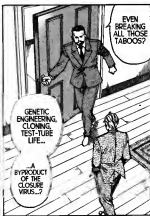
RICH
COUNTRIES
AND POOR
COUNTRIES...

...PUT
DIFFERENT
VALUES
ON
HUMAN
LIFE.



NOW IT'S
TIME FOR
ROUND TWO.

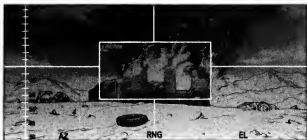
WELL...
ANYWAY.



EVEN
BREAKING
ALL THOSE
TABOOS?

GENETIC
ENGINEERING,
CLONING,
TEST-TUBE
LIFE...

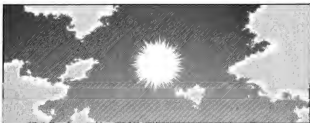
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OF THE
CLOSURE
VIRUS...?

















...WHAT
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO SAY?

HEGEMONISTS
ALL USE
THE SAME
DIRTY
TRICKS!



WHAT'S MORE,
THEY INVADED
THE KOREAN
PENINSULA,
INDONESIA, AND
OCEANIA...

...AND EVEN
FORCED THEM
TO WORSHIP
THE EMPEROR!



AND THEN
JAPAN JUST
SLITHERED
RIGHT
UP BESIDE
THEM!

TWENTY-THREE YEARS
AGO, THE EU USED
THE GLOBAL CRISIS
AS A PRETEXT TO
CUT OFF TURKEY
AND JOIN FORCES
WITH AMERICA TO
FORM THE PROPATER
FEDERATION.



I HAPPENED
TO BE BORN
IN JAPAN, BUT
THAT COUNTRY
MEANS NOTHING
TO ME.

ARE YOU
SAYING I
SHOULD
HATE
MYSELF?



...WANTED
TO
BECOME
A
SOLDIER.

I...



WASN'T
IT THE
SAME
FOR YOU?



...













AUTHORS NOTE- CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS BASICALLY FORBIDDEN UPON ISLAM, BUT IN REALITY THIS CAN VARY DEPENDING ON THE COUNTRY AND PROVINCE. IN CENTRAL ASIA, THE CLUSTERION OF UIGARS HAS BEEN PROSPEROUS SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, AND THE UYGHURS MAKE THEIR OWN WINE AND SPIRITS. THAT SAID, AS IN THE REST OF THE WORLD, DRINK DEAD DRUNK IN FRONT OF OTHERS IS STILL CONSIDERED SHAMEFUL.











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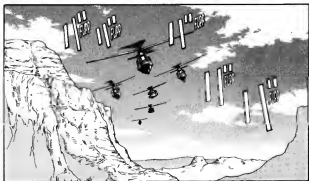
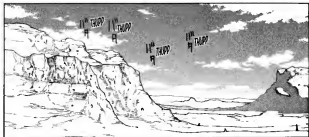










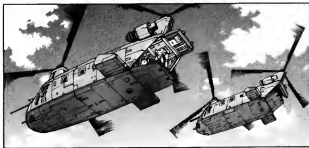


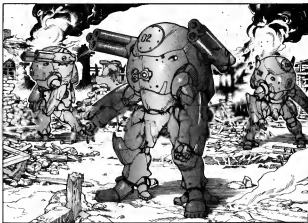




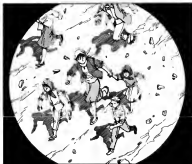
































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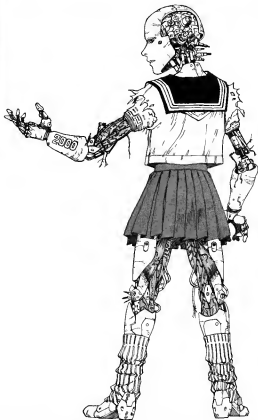
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AFTERWORD

What were the nineties all about?

The eighties have been relentlessly picked apart—and concluded to have been about “absolutely nothing.” That decade is talked about as a vacuously bubbly era, but at the time I was fully in my teens . . . at school getting picked on by delinquents . . . at home writing the name of a girl I liked after my own and wishing I was dead . . . and on the path toward a glorious career. Incidentally, at the time, my favorite song was “How Soon Is Now?” by The Smiths. (It’s the one that goes, “When you say it’s gonna happen ‘now’ / well, when exactly do you mean?”) What was I talking about again? Oh, yeah. The nineties. In 1990 I really used to love movies with guys in them who ended up in the slammer thanks to a bonehead lawyer and got a tattoo of a giant crucifix on their back with the words “Truth & Justice” in huge bold letters and did nothing all day but read law books and weight-train all day and swear they’d get revenge on that lawyer. Anyway, what I want to say is that the nineties were the “Moratorium Age.” Although . . . maybe this has nothing to do with this afterword. By “moratorium,” I mean a grace period in which you could shirk your responsibilities—saying stuff like “Someday the economy will get good again!” while living off your leftover savings from the bubble economy and while working part time here and there or being “simply unemployed.” It was that kind of era. Back when terms like “globalization” and “IT firm” were still words of hope. Perhaps the nineties were even more pointless than the eighties, but I think it was a good thing that at least the phrase “Shoot to the top” became real. In the eighties, this was a phrase that caused much embarrassment. (Note: because it seemed so easy to get rich quick in the 1980s, “shooting to the top” was associated with greed and being uncultured . . . hence embarrassing.) Now that the “Moratorium Nineties” are over and we’re in

the 21st century, everyone’s really up against the wall and in all kinds of trouble. Hip hop and martial arts are at the height of popularity, and it’s an age of genuinely “shooting to the top.” It’s the age of Elitchi Yazawa. (Note: Elitchi Yazawa is a Japanese rock singer who literally “shot to the top” in popularity, experiencing a revival in the 1990s that’s continued through to the 2000s with successful live tours.) When I think about how things were for me in the nineties, as you’d expect, I was typically moribund like everyone else. However, during my moratorium, I worked my way up through cooking assistant in an Italian restaurant, manga artist, Olympic-caliber masturbator, university student, and mari bushi chef at a bento restaurant. (Actual sequence of shooting to the top nonsense!) Yes, it felt good working my way up and out of the moratorium . . . and now I have a family like everybody else. When I went home recently, my ten-month-old child—tired of breastfeeding—was tugging up and down on my wife’s nipple like a switch. And without thinking, I yelled, “Stop playing with your food!”

—Hiroyuki Endo, June 25, 2003

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